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Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

4 May 2017

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

*This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.*

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. My mother says that my sister and I should learn to pack our school bags \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) herself
  - (2) myself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ scolded by my teacher yesterday as I had lost my workbook.
  - (1) am
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
3. Jack and his brother \_\_\_\_\_ elated when their parents agreed to take them on a trip overseas.
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
4. "I \_\_\_\_\_ to the library now," Kate told her father just before she left.
  - (1) went
  - (2) gone
  - (3) am going
  - (4) have gone

5. As Tom did not \_\_\_\_\_ his homework yesterday, he has to do it today.
- (1) do
  - (2) did
  - (3) does
  - (4) done
6. "Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ in front of an audience?" I asked Mary curiously.
- (1) sing
  - (2) sang
  - (3) sung
  - (4) sings
7. "\_\_\_\_\_ sweets are for you," said Ben as he passed a bag of candies to his brother.
- (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those
8. We have \_\_\_\_\_ chance of winning as our opponents are very strong.
- (1) little
  - (2) a few
  - (3) many
  - (4) much

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Jane eyed the man in black \_\_\_\_\_ as he was holding a suspicious-looking bag.
- (1) warily
  - (2) hastily
  - (3) attentively
  - (4) thoughtfully
10. John has gone on \_\_\_\_\_ to climb the highest mountain in the world.
- (1) a tour
  - (2) a voyage
  - (3) an outing
  - (4) an expedition
11. The conman tried to \_\_\_\_\_ me into thinking that he was a policeman.
- (1) entice
  - (2) attract
  - (3) deceive
  - (4) persuade
12. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ through the gap to see what the suspect was doing.
- (1) glared
  - (2) stared
  - (3) peered
  - (4) scanned

13. The instant coffee powder \_\_\_\_\_ in the hot water quickly.

- (1) disbands
- (2) dissolves
- (3) disperses
- (4) dismisses

14. There was \_\_\_\_\_ smell coming from the rubbish bin. All the passers-by covered their noses as they walked past.

- (1) a fragrant
- (2) a repulsive
- (3) an aromatic
- (4) an unattractive

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.



# Draw Your Ride



## Draw your way to amazing prizes!

Many of us take public transport every day. But do we really know it that well? Draw a series of cartoons to inform the public on interesting facts behind Singapore's transport system.

Categories:

- ❖ Children's Category (12 years old & below)
- ❖ Open category (13 years old & above)



**Prizes For Each Category**

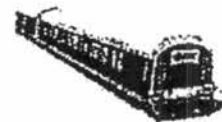
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: a 9.7 inch tablet

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: a \$50 shopping voucher

\*All participants will receive a certificate of participation

Ways to participate:

Snap or scan a photo of your drawing and email to [MOT-Happenings@mot.gov.sg](mailto:MOT-Happenings@mot.gov.sg) or WhatsApp to 8257 5555.

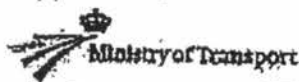


Visit our Facebook page to check out the winning entries last year.  
For enquiries, visit our website: [www.MOT.gov.sg](http://www.MOT.gov.sg) or visit the information counter at Ministry of Transport Building.

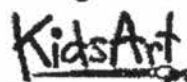
Contest closes on 3 June 2017!

Selected participants will be notified through phone calls.

Organized by:



Co-organised by:



Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. You can submit your drawing for this contest by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) emailing it to MOT-Happenings@MOT.gov.sg
- (2) passing it to the staff at the information counter
- (3) uploading it to the Ministry of Transport website
- (4) posting it on the Ministry of Transport Facebook page

16. Which one of the following statements is false?

- (1) The contest is open to everyone.
- (2) All participants will be notified through phone calls.
- (3) You will get a \$50 shopping voucher if you get second place in the contest.
- (4) Participants have to ensure that their drawing is based on Singapore's transport system.

**END OF BOOKLET A**

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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



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English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

31 questions  
34 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
Total	50

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**Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)**

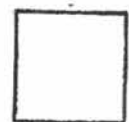
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word / phrase only once.

(A) look	(C) looked	(E) has looked
(B) looks	(D) looking	(F) have looked

Have you even wondered why tears come out of our eyes? It (17) \_\_\_\_\_ like this is a good question to find out the answer to.

If you (18) \_\_\_\_\_ closely at your eyes, you can see that they are always wet. Tears help our eyelids to move easily when we blink.

Sometimes, our eyes feel dry after we have spent a long time (19) \_\_\_\_\_ at the computer. That is why it is always good to take an eye break after we (20) \_\_\_\_\_ at something near for a long time. As the gift of sight is precious, we must take good care of our eyes.



**Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. Use each word only once.

(A) surprise	(C) surprised	(E) surprisingly
(B) surprises	(D) surprising	

Melvin was reading a book in his bedroom when his brother, Jerry, came in.

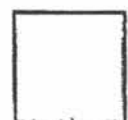
"Brother, I have a (21) \_\_\_\_\_ for you!" announced Jerry, his eyes twinkling.

Putting the book down on his lap, Melvin looked up. In Jerry's hand was a present-like box. He was (22) \_\_\_\_\_ by his little brother.

Opening the box, Melvin said, "It's (23) \_\_\_\_\_ that you are giving me a present when it is not even my birthday."

Suddenly, Melvin shrieked and threw the box on the floor. A black, hairy spider crawled out from it. Jerry burst out laughing.

(24) \_\_\_\_\_, Melvin did not feel angry with his mischievous brother at all. Instead, he laughed along with his brother.



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**Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)**

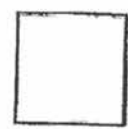
Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. Take the medicine when you have a bad headache.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. Linda has been invited to perform in the concert. She is extremely talented in playing the violin.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_



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**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

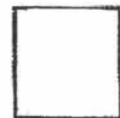
Four young artists hoped to raise funds by selling their paintings to help the intellectually disabled. They worked tirelessly every week, rain or shine, on their (27) \_\_\_\_\_ for almost an entire year. Finally, they came up with 40 paintings in total, which were exhibited at a well-known hotel.

Part of the (28) \_\_\_\_\_ raised was donated to help with the cost of running activities and providing transportation services for the intellectually disabled.

"I feel very privileged because not many people in Singapore get a (29) \_\_\_\_\_ to do this. I think it's wonderful that I can help others by doing what I enjoy," said Steffi, one of the four young artists.

The organizer of this event is an art studio (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the four young artists learn art. This art studio has been raising funds to help the intellectually disabled since 2012.

*Adapted from 'Art with a Heart' by Amanda Phoon, Little Red Dot, 8 July 2014*



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**Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 40.

Anna Chan is an educator who thinks that values are very important. She sees many children and youth who have a lot of knowledge, but do not display good values

"Many of them are addicted to electronic devices, oblivious of what is happening around them. I see teenagers leaving behind unfinished burgers and fries at fast food restaurants. I also see domestic helpers carrying school bags for a ble-bodied teenagers," she commented in disappointment.

So, together with like-minded volunteers, she started The Fun Factory Programme. This programme aims to teach good moral values through games and activities. Many polytechnic students and working adults volunteer to help the children in areas such as art and craft, computer skills and reading. This programme is open to children between seven and ten years 10 old. So far, 35 families are involved.

"We have kept the classes small. This allows us to interact better with the children," Anna explained.

Anna also shared a few heartwarming examples of positive changes in the children. In the beginning, many parents were unsure about The Fun Factory Programme. However, they soon 15 experienced for themselves how their children became more polite, sociable, considerate and helpful after the classes. They then knew that they had made the right decision.

*Adapted from 'Educator Who Focuses on Values' by The NeeSoon Link*

For question 31 and question 32, refer to paragraph 2.  
Decide who did the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.  
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Action	teenagers	domestic helpers
Example	addicted to electronic devices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31.	leave behind uneaten food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32.	help to carry school bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

33. Which word has the same meaning as 'unaware'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Many of them are addicted to electronic devices, oblivious of what is happening around them.  
(A) (B)

For question 34 and question 35, refer to paragraphs 1 and 2.  
Tick (✓) whether the phrases describe Anna Chan or many children and youth of Singapore.  
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Phrases	Anna Chan	Many children and youth
Example	focusing on values	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34.	feeling disappointed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	not displaying good values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For question 36 to question 38, refer to paragraph 3.  
Read each statement about The Fun Factory Programme and tick 'True' or 'False'.  
The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	35 families are involved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36.	Anna started The Fun Factory Programme all by herself.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37.	Children who are twelve years old can attend the programme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38.	Children can only play games.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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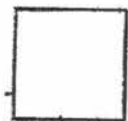
39. Refer to paragraphs 3 and 4.  
Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The purpose of starting The Fun Factory Programme is to \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | keep the class size small          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | teach children art and craft       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | teach children to show good values |

40. Which word has the same meaning as 'good'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Anna also shared a few heartwarming examples of positive changes in the children.  
(A) (B)



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**Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

My childhood home was by the sea. In the backyard of my house was a magnificent tree. It was slightly taller than a work shed my father had built. I have fond memories of the tree.

Little berries grew on the tree. When they turned red, they tasted sweet. My brother and I loved the pointy-tipped berries that looked like spinning tops. We always competed to see 5 who could keep the fruit spinning the longest.

One afternoon while I was up in the tree, I heard my brother give a shout from below. The tree shook and rustled as he climbed.

"Let's collect some berries," he said.

"So you can win again? Forget it," I replied.

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Ignoring what I had said, he started plucking the berries. As he looked for berries, I spotted the work shed below. I thought of a new game that we could play together.

I climbed over to a branch above the shed. I grabbed it, swung my body and flung myself onto the shed's roof. I landed on both feet with a soft "thud". I had done this many times but had never shown my brother before. Just then, a worker stuck his head out to see what had happened and shook his head. The worker probably thought girls should not be climbing and jumping around but my father never stopped me.

Upon seeing my stunt, my brother's eyes widened. "Amazing! I can't do that myself!"

He took a shaky breath and grabbed a branch. Then, he swung his body off and landed on the roof with me. My father's workers were annoyed and shouted disapprovingly. My 20 brother gave me a big smile. I gave him an even bigger smile. For once, I showed him something new.

*Adapted from 'The House on Palmer Road' by Si-Hoe S.S. and Sim Ee Waun*

For question 41, write 1, 2, or 3 in the brackets.

41. The author lived \_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

- (1) on a tree
- (2) near the sea
- (3) in a work shed

42. Why did the author and her brother like the pointy-tipped berries that looked like spinning tops? [2m] [ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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43. These are some statements describing the events experienced by the author. Put them in order according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

- \_\_\_\_\_ Her brother suggested collecting berries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ She thought of a new game to play with her brother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ She was in the tree alone.

44. \_\_\_\_\_ did the author grab (line 13)? [1m]

[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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45. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]  
 [ Write your reasons using complete sentences. ]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The author's father thought that girls should not be climbing and jumping around.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
(b) The author's brother was a little nervous when he was about to swing on the branch.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

46. Why was the author's brother amazed (line 18)? [2m]  
 [ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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47. Which one of the following word correctly describes how the author felt in lines 19 – 22?  
 Put a tick in the box beside your answer. [1m]

annoyed	<input type="checkbox"/>
grateful	<input type="checkbox"/>
proud	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	3	1	3	3	1	1	4

Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
3	3	2	2	1	2	B	A

Q19	Q20	Q 21	Q22	Q 23	Q24
D	F	A	C	D	E

Q25)	If you had a bad headache, take the medicine.
Q26)	Linda is so talented in playing the violin that she has been invited to perform in the concert.
Q27)	paintings
Q28)	money
Q29)	chance
Q30)	where
Q31)	teenagers
Q32)	domestic helpers
Q33)	B

Q34)	Anna Chan
Q35)	Many children and youth
Q36)	False
Q37)	False
Q38)	False
Q39)	teach children to show good values
Q40)	B
Q41)	2
Q42)	The author and her brother lived the pointy-tipped berries that looked like spinning tops because they could compete to see who could keep the fruit spinning the longest.
Q43)	2, 3, 1
Q44)	The author grabbed a branched above the shed.
Q45)	(a) False → The worker thought that girl is should not be climbing and jumping around. (b) True → The author's brother took a shaky breath before grabbing a bunch.
Q46)	He was amazed because he saw the stunt, his sister could do and he realised he could not do it.
Q47)	proud -